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THE BIBLE, THEOCRATIC LITERATURE.*

The aim of the book is to explain "the point of view" from which, in the judgment of the author, the Bible should be approached, namely, the historical. It includes parts of lectures delivered to two different bodies of theological students in Birmingham and Edinburgh.†

In opening, a brief but interesting resumé of the history of interpretation as related to inspiration is given, with the purpose of showing how many modern theories of inspiration are of comparatively recent date. In the remainder of the book the Hebrew nation is considered in relation to its special mission, and the character and true method of dealing with their literature is expounded. The view taken by the author is quite liberal. His style is clear and interesting. There is no other book that covers in so excellent a way the same ground. To those who are not satisfied with the more conservative theories of inspiration, and to all who wish to know what view of the Bible is taken by many of the best modern critics and yet do not care to examine the more elaborate works on the subject, this will certainly prove extremely valuable. The attitude of the writer is reverent and not over confident as to the infallibility and originality of his ideas. It certainly merits a wide circulation among all intelligent Bible students.

THE BOOK OF JOB.†

The time will never come, *should never come*, when men will cease to write on this the greatest of the world's literary works. Two volumes, one from an American, the other from an English pen, lie before us. The one is a commentary; the other a course of lectures delivered in Westminster Abbey. Both acknowledge the superiority of the Revised Version and use it as a basis. Both are intended "to answer the demand for a plain combination and re-statement of the best results of modern criticism and exegesis upon this remarkable Old Testament poem, such as shall meet the wants of intelligent but not technically scholarly readers, who use their English vernacular." Both build on Ewald, Delitzsch and Davidson. Both accept a comparatively late date for the book. Both are written in accordance with modern methods of interpretation. Both will be found attractive, suggestive and helpful.

* THE BIBLE, AN OUTGROWTH OF THEOCRATIC LIFE. By D. W. Simon. 8vo, pp. 219. Price, \$1.50. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark.

† THE BOOK OF JOB, with an expository and practical commentary, enriched with illustrations from some of the most eminent modern expositors, and a critical introduction. By Daniel Curry, D. D., LL. D. 8vo, pp. 302. Price, \$1.75. New York: Phillips & Hunt.

LECTURES ON THE BOOK OF JOB, delivered in Westminster Abbey. By the very Rev George Granville Bradley, D. D., Dean of Westminster. 8vo, pp. 333. Price, \$1.90. Oxford: Clarendon Press. New York: Macmillan & Co.